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The New England College of Optometry

Commencement Exercises



1999

*Saturday, the twenty-ninth of May
John Hancock Hall
Boston, Massachusetts*

Commencement Program

Processional

Marshalls:

Dr. Frank Kozol, Professor of Optometry

Dr. Bina Patel, Assistant Professor of Optometry

Invocation

Reverend Colin Leitch

Commencement Exercises

Presiding: President Larry Clausen

Welcome from the Alumni Association

Dr. Lynn Wittman, Alumni Association President

Valedictory

Janet L. Knubley, Valedictorian, Class of 1999

Conferring of Honorary Degree

Presenter: Dr. David Troilo, Associate Professor of Biophysiology

Josh Wallman, Doctor of Ocular Science

Commencement Remarks

Dr. Josh Wallman

Presentation of Candidates

Dr. Raymond E. Dye, Dean of Student Affairs

Presentation of Degrees

Hooding the Candidates:

Dr. Nancy Carlson, Chief of Staff, New England Eye Institute

Dr. David Heath, Dean of Academic Affairs

Presenting Diplomas:

Dr. David Ferris, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees

Conferring of Degrees:

Dr. Larry Clausen, President

Pledge

Dr. Larry Clausen will lead the graduates in the Optometric Oath

Benediction

Reverend Colin Leitch

Recessional

Reception immediately following ceremony in the Dorothy Quincy Suite

Degrees Awarded on May 29, 1999

Doctor of Optometry

Christopher William Abbott	Bridgewater, New Jersey
Armita Aboosaidi	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Mark Doron Aginsky	Capetown, South Africa
Helen Ambizas	Bayside, New York
Angela M. Bernardo	East Greenbush, New York
Alina Desiree Bogorad	East Northport, New York
Sylvia J. Briceno	Caracas, Venezuela
Lamont Tyler Bunyon	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Kathleen M. Burke	Natick, Massachusetts
Shawn Alexander Burns	Cheticamp, Nova Scotia, Canada
Ruben Eric Carlson	Tampa, Florida
Jason Edward Cavanaugh	South Glastonbury, Connecticut
Ann S. Chang	Watchung, New Jersey
Teresa M. Chang	Anaheim, California
Jonathan Peter Christie	Mountain View, California
Gavin Larry Cohen	Johannesburgh, South Africa
Clement Tzi-Chien Der	Regina Saskatchewan, Canada
Johannes Christiaan De Smedt	Johannesburgh, South Africa
John P. Downer	Dayton, Ohio
Nancy Maria Draskovic	Windsor, Ontario, Canada
Charlene Marie DuBois	Pine Bush, New York
Lestavia Paulette Calahan Duplantier*	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Nicole Maria Fantoni	Medway, Massachusetts
Kristie Noelle Fecht	Carthage, Illinois
Caron Ku'uleialoha Fernandez	Papaikou, Hawaii
Raniero D. Fernando	Scarborough, Ontario, Canada
Sherene Cheam Fort	Essex Junction, Vermont
J. Christopher Freeman	Springfield, Missouri
Yasaman Ghavami	Arlington, Massachusetts
Theresa Dodson Gibbs	Newark, New York
Kulvir Singh Gill	Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
Lorne M. Gottesman	West Bloomfield, Michigan
Marnie Neyhart Grice	Hurley, New York
Lauren Ann Gump	San Martin, California
Jing Guo*	Chendu, SC, China
Deepak Gupta	Lanham, Maryland
Eric John Hall	Smithfield, Rhode Island
Robert Andrew Hannigan	Taunton, Massachusetts
Douglas J. Henry*	Carlyle, Illinois

Geoffrey Scott Holland
 Kevin Paul Hoye
 Tammy Lynn Hurley-Carlson
 Holly J. Stavinski Jacques
 Randell Richard Johnson
 Christophe Jean Juliet
 Jay P. Kile*
 Michelle Kim
 Young Chun Kim
 Janet L. Knubley
 Arno K. Kuzukyan
 Susan M. Kwaiter-Sadler
 Rosanna Colarusso LaMalva
 John Edward Lamonthé
 Carolina Keyjung Lee
 Jane H. Lee-Koida
 Lena Hui-Yu Lee
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 Michelle Lee Lewis
 Thomas Allen Lezaj
 Yi Li*
 Gregory A. Lieb
 Mae-Lae Louie
 Robert James MacAlpine
 Douglas Lee Mann III
 Adam David Mark
 Jennifer Mary Moreira
 Thomas Donald Morlan
 Tara Karin Mullen
 Kevin Adam Murphy
 Marcus James Neitzke
 Josephine Mbong Ngong*
 Angela E. Olsen
 Adriana Palumbo
 Rajesh H. Panchal
 Marnie Catherine Panek
 Lina Mahendra Patel
 Helen Alima Paulin
 R. Matthew Pesta
 Minh Thuan T. Pham

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
 Orange, Massachusetts
 Uniondale, Pennsylvania
 Bellingham, Massachusetts
 Aurelia, Iowa
 Los Angeles, California
 Cranston, Rhode Island
 Poway, California
 Los Angeles, California
 London, Ontario, Canada
 Manhasset, New York
 Taunton, Massachusetts
 Medford, Massachusetts
 Rutland, Vermont
 College Point, New York
 Walnut Creek, California
 Windsor, Ontario, Canada
 Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 Waterville, Maine
 Houston, Texas
 North Providence, Rhode Island
 Atlanta, Georgia
 Wuhan, China
 Tampa, Florida
 Los Angeles, California
 Lindsay, Ontario, Canada
 Decatur, Alabama
 Staten Island, New York
 Downsview, Ontario, Canada
 South Bend, Indiana
 Saugerties, New York
 Modesto, California
 West Allis, Wisconsin
 Buca, Cameroon
 Madison, Wisconsin
 Walpole, Massachusetts
 Brampton, Ontario, Canada
 Baden, Pennsylvania
 San Jose, California
 Somerville, Massachusetts
 LaVale, Maryland
 Cerritos, California

Zainub K. Postum**
 Sarah Susan Pozniah
 Hillary J. Pyke*
 Melody Orene Quenzer
 Michelle F. Rahimian
 Robin Pratt Rathjens
 Anupama Sehgal
 Altaz A. Shajani
 Anni Sharma
 Rohit Sharma
 Michael Joseph Siebert
 Carolyn Jane Smith
 Wenhong Tao*
 Heather LaVallee Theriault
 George W. Veliky
 Rebecca Corinne Voorthuis
 Sarah H.N.V. Wang
 Randall M. Weishaus
 Wensheng Winston Yao*
 Glara N.K. Yi
 Xue-Guang Zhang*
 Xue-Qing Zhang*

Newton, Massachusetts
 Sterling Heights, Michigan
 Hogansburg, New York
 Sacramento, California
 Mission Viejo, California
 Rochester, New York
 Southborough, Massachusetts
 Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 Hicksville, New York
 San Diego, California
 Topeka, Kansas
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 Cambridge, Massachusetts
 Terryville, Connecticut
 Elmwood Park, New Jersey
 Bethesda, Maryland
 Scarborough, Ontario, Canada
 Farmington Hills, Michigan
 Wuhu, China
 Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
 Neimongo, China
 Beijing, China

*Doctor of Optometry Degrees to be awarded on September 7, 1999

** Doctor of Optometry Degree was awarded on March 1, 1999

Bachelor of Science in Optometry

Justin David Sparhawk

Leonard, Minnesota

The information in this program should not be considered as verification that a degree was received. All inquiries should be directed to the Registrar's Office.

Candidates for Residency Certification

Cornea and Contact Lenses

Roselyn Jeun, O.D.
Janet Rand, O.D.

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Family Practice Optometry

Taline Farra, O.D.
Yale Shriber, O.D.
Tanya Tran, O.D.

The New England College of Optometry
Dimock Community Health Center
Dorchester House Multi-Service Center

Ocular Disease

Susan Monahan, O.D.

Kittery Optometric Associates

Pediatric Optometry

Tina Parker, O.D.

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Primary Eye Care

Chad McDonald, O.D.

South Boston Community Health Center

Primary Eye Care - Department of Veterans Affairs

Britt Adornato, O.D.
Cheryl Boisseau, O.D.
Stephen Kirwan, O.D.
James Lenhart, O.D.
George Mcers, O.D.
Tricia Penney, O.D.
Michael Perone, O.D.
Julie Poteet, O.D.
Julie Rodman, O.D.
Tamara Smith, O.D.

Brockton / West Roxbury VA Medical Center
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Bedford VA Medical Center
Brockton / West Roxbury VA Medical Center
Boston VA Outpatient Clinic
Boston VA Outpatient Clinic
Brockton / West Roxbury VA Medical Center
Brockton / West Roxbury VA Medical Center
Brockton / West Roxbury VA Medical Center

Primary Eye Care - Low Vision Rehab - Department of Veterans Affairs

Lori Kirwan, O.D.
Michael Peterson, O.D.
Veronica Sigrist, O.D.

VA Connecticut - West Haven Campus
VA Connecticut - West Haven Campus
VA Connecticut - West Haven Campus

1999 Honorary Degree Recipient

Josh Wallman, Ph.D. *Doctor of Ocular Science*

Josh Wallman is honored today for a career of influential and distinguished research in vision science. As one of the world's most highly regarded researchers in the field of myopia, he has produced significant results in understanding eye growth control at the levels of visual stimuli, neuro-physiology, and most recently, biochemistry.

A native of New York, Josh came to Massachusetts to attend Harvard College. He graduated with a bachelors degree in 1965, and then entered Tufts University where he completed his Ph.D. in biology in 1972. Following his doctoral studies, Dr. Wallman completed a one-year fellowship at the Institution of Animal Behavior, Rutgers University.

In 1973 Dr. Wallman returned to New York, accepting a faculty position within the Department of Biology at City College, City University of New York. He remains there today, having risen to the rank of Professor.

A prolific researcher and author, Professor Wallman has contributed more than 50 articles to the vision science literature, is a frequent and respected presenter at scientific meetings, and is a recipient of the National Eye Institute's prestigious MERIT Award, reserved for the nation's elite core of vision scientists. A pioneer in myopia research, his work continues to energize the study of eye growth control and meaningfully impact developmental biology and other areas of vision science.

Josh Wallman's work has resulted in national and international prominence. He has been invited to serve as a member of leading scientific advisory boards and panels including the National Research Council's Working Group on Myopia, the Integrative Neuroscience Panel of the National Science Foundation; the National Eye Institute's Visual Sciences Study Section, and the Editorial Board of the Visual Neuroscience Journal. And he has fulfilled notable visiting scientist appointments in Asia, Australia, Europe, and the United States.

The New England College of Optometry is pleased to honor Josh Wallman, a world leader in myopia research, a dedicated scientist and educator, and a friend, mentor, and colleague to this institution's dedicated research community.

The Optometric Oath*

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standard, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

*Adopted by the American Optometric Association and by
the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry

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